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 Assignee: Small Beginnings, Inc. Suppl.
 Title: THERMAL AND HUMIDITY BARRIER FOR EXTREMELY C
 PREMATURE INFANTS
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION GROUP 3700

Dear Examiner Kearney:

In further response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 21-23. Please add new Claims 24-26. Please amend Claims 1, 10, and 17 as follows. All claims have been reproduced below even if not being amended for the Examiner's convenience. All claims not being amended are shown in smaller font.

1 (Three Times Amended) A thermal and moisture barrier for use with a specialized heating [and humidifying] apparatus used in the care of a neonatal infant having a bed portion with outwardly [upwardly] extending side guards substantially surrounding said bed portion, said barrier [panels used in the care of a neonatal infant;] comprising:

a substantially flexible cover, said substantially flexible cover defining an enclosure when placed over said bed portion and said outwardly extending side guards [capable of